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When the night rides the train,
it sits in the coal car.
It thrusts its starry head
into the charcoal belly of the dark
and grins as the wind
whips through its constellations.

When the train that carries that night
pushes past us,
dark and charred,
the night reaches down,
takes my hair in its hands,
laughs dew in your face,
and dances a wild jig
atop the coal car
rushing west.